

QUARTERLY REPORT



CITY OF SUNNYVALE

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PUBLIC SAFETY CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

Although hundreds of Sunnyvale residents served as volunteer fire fighters and peace keepers through the City's pioneer years in the early 1900s, the professionally-staffed Public Safety Department was not established until 1950.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Public Safety department, which now employs more than 230 sworn officers and 80 civilian staff to provide police and fire services to residents, businesses, and visitors. Public Safety also provides Animal



The five patches worn by fire and police officers throughout Sunnyvale's history.

Control and Emergency Preparedness services. This is the first in a series of articles highlighting the past, present, and future of Public Safety in Sunnyvale.

On November 9, 1907, Sunnyvale town leaders issued a request for volunteer firemen. Although 33 men

stepped forward, they did not get their first call to action until May of 1908 when a fire in the chimney at the home of Mr. G. Malatesta sounded the fire alarm. "A majority of the fire boys were quickly on the scene

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NEW VICTORY VILLAGE PARK OPENS



Sunnyvale's 18th neighborhood park has opened—providing landscaped open space, picnic tables, and children's play areas to residents who previously didn't have access to a close recreational outlet.

The new, one-acre Victory Village Park is a welcome addition to one of Sunnyvale's older neighborhoods that is sandwiched between an industrial area and the high traffic Fair Oaks and Kifer roadways. City staff and the neighborhood began work on the conceptual phase of the project in 1995.

"The park beautifies our neighborhood and is a real source of pride," said Bob Greene, president of the Victory Village Neighborhood Association. "It shows the tangible result of community involvement."

Greene said that the

community was involved with the City in every aspect of the park design, and that the result reflects their ideas and concerns. Hundreds of residents attended the park dedication ceremony in November.

"We have 150 households in this neighborhood. Before the park opened, children had two choices - play in the street or cross major roads to get the closest park," Greene said. "It's great to watch the children playing right here in our neighborhood."

The Sunnyvale Parks and Recreation Department is now working on expansion of the Hetch-Hetchy greenbelt in Lakewood Village, the addition of three new tennis courts at Las Palmas Tennis Complex, and construction of a ropes course at Baylands Park. ★

E-PERMITS ARE CONVENIENT AND E-ASY

Need a new water heater? Want to replace your roof? Thinking of upgrading your bathroom? All of these home repairs and construction projects require building permits.

But as a result of Sunnyvale's new "e-permits" system, home owners, contractors and business owners can apply for and obtain the necessary City paperwork 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the Internet.

Sunnyvale is one of the first cities in the U.S. to set up an online resource that allows people to apply for, pay for, and receive a building permit

automatically without making a trip to City Hall.

"Initially, only permits that don't involve submitting a blueprint will be available online," said Leland Vandiver, Manager of Data Systems and Networking. "But what we categorize as simple permits accounts for more than half of all building permits issued by the City. E-permits are a convenience and an efficiency for everyone."

Applicants can log on with any



Internet-connected computer using their web browser. After completing the on-line permit request form, payment is made with a credit card on a secured encryption system, and an inspection day and time is selected. Both the permit and a receipt can be

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ORAL HISTORY AND NEW LIBRARY COURSES FUNDED BY STATE GRANTS

Two grants totaling almost \$200,000 have been received by the Sunnyvale Public Library. Both grants come from the California State Library Service and Technology Act and will fund the collection of oral histories about Sunnyvale's past and offer residents a series of courses on becoming more savvy users of Internet and Library resources.

The "Digital Storytelling" program will use new, highly-sophisticated equipment to merge photographs, printed information, voice and music into three-to-five minute personal vignettes of Sunnyvale residents which can be stored on CD-ROM and videotape.

"Some of our past is lost each day as elderly residents move from Sunnyvale or pass away," said Christine Doxtad of the Library, who will coordinate the grant program with Steve Sloan. "Older members of the community who have recollections and memorabilia from Sunnyvale's agricultural past can have these stories preserved so they can be accessed by all members of the community in the future."

Doxtad said that newer residents and local companies who were among the vanguards of the technology revolution also will be invited to tell their stories in multimedia formats. Input and guidance will come from an Advisory Board comprised of members of the City's Community

Development Department, the Heritage Preservation Commission, the Sunnyvale Historical Society, Orchard Heritage Park Interpretive Exhibit (OHPIE) and other individuals from the community. The Digital Clubhouse, a non-profit organization located in the Sunnyvale Town Center mall, will provide advice on storytelling techniques.

The grant will pay for equipment and underwrite the training of at least 30 individuals in digital and storytelling techniques. Doxtad said the first year goal is to record at least 20 oral histories.

People who have stories to share or community volunteers who would like to help create these moving memories of Sunnyvale's history should contact Christine Doxtad at 730-7301 for more information.

Learn How to Learn

The second grant will allow the Library to offer at least 20 courses or presentations during the year to help children (4th grade and up) and adults learn how to make better use of Library and Internet resources.

"There is an overwhelming amount of information available through the Library and electronic sources," said Sharon Kornhaus, grant coordinator. "Internet users are often frustrated by their inability to quickly find the information that they are seeking by searching online."

The Library will offer residents the opportunity to become "Certified Library Users" by completing four core courses (Find It At Your Library, Introduction to Your Library, Electronic Resources, and Searching the Internet) and two elective courses that might discuss such topics as finding business resources, great web sites for children, the basics of genealogy, how to do a research paper, and homework survival skills for parents.

All of the one-to-two hour courses will be free and held at the Library on West Olive Ave. The first classes will be offered at the beginning of February. Schedule information will be posted on the Library website and publicized through schools and in the City Activity Guide.

At the end of the year, the Library plans a ceremony to honor those who have qualified as Certified Library Users and to give them awards such as books, extended Internet time, or free reserves of popular library materials.

"Our goal is to build knowledgeable, self-sufficient library users who have skills to access information independently," said Kornhaus. "Of course, professional assistance from our Library staff will always be available to help, too."

Grant partners include the Sunnyvale School District, Fremont Union High School District, and the NOVA Private Industry Council. ✨

PUBLIC SAFETY

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Original volunteer Fire Department.

with the hose cart," reported the Sunnyvale Standard, "but the fire was quickly extinguished without its use." Two months later, bored volunteer firemen suggested the city sponsor a hose tournament.

Traffic safety got its start in Sunnyvale in June of 1913 when the Town Marshal was asked to post signs at the four town limits announcing an increase in speed limits for automobiles and motorcycles - from 8 m.p.h. to 15 m.p.h.

In 1914, the Joshua Handy Iron Works offered a vault or tank to use as a city jail. The price tag was a modest \$150; \$175 if the city wanted it equipped with a door. Later that year, the City elected its first paid Fire Commissioner, D.J. Williams, who earned the enviable salary of \$5 per month.

The first firehouse was erected in 1918 for a cost of \$2,950, including all materials and labor. Two years later, town commissioners voted to install telephones in the homes of the town marshal and the fire chief.

By 1950, Sunnyvale's population was about 9800 and the city was booming. H.K. Hunter, the first city manager in the recently-adopted city council-manager form of government, recommended consolidation of



Sunnyvale Public Safety Officer, circa 1950.

police and fire services into a combined Public Safety Department.

"The Public Safety concept is that all personnel are trained to provide both police and fire services, with rotations through the different duties every one to three years," explained Capt. Don Johnson of Public Safety. "This maximizes the use of resources. For example, statistics show that only a small percentage of a fire fighter's time is actually spent responding to emergencies. With cross-training, fewer personnel need be assigned to fire stations, because other officers from the police roster can be added to provide adequate force at the scene of a fire emergency."

A series of internal and public celebrations in honor of the department's 50th anniversary are being planned for 2000. More information about these activities will be included in future issues of the Quarterly Report.

"There is a long tradition of excellence in this department," said Public Safety Chief Irwin (Ernie) Bakin. "Together the City and Public Safety have grown and evolved into highly-respected, professional organizations. The community should be proud of the men and women of Public Safety who commit their careers to serving the residents of Sunnyvale. This is truly an outstanding department." ✨

LIFE-SAVING DEFIBRILLATORS PLACED THROUGHOUT SUNNYVALE

After watching defibrillators save lives on television medical dramas over the years, most people feel as if they would know how to use one in an emergency. Now that automated external defibrillators (AEDs) are being installed for public use in more locations throughout



Pearl Ramos and Terry Shepard help officer Tim Macierz place an AED in a patrol car.



Officer Russ Howard demonstrates an AED at Town Center Mall

Sunnyvale, average citizens have the opportunity to take on the Good Samaritan role of a non-traditional rescuer.

Defibrillation uses electric “shocks” to restart the heart. Public access defibrillators automatically assess the patient’s condition when the AED pads are placed on the chest. A voice on the machine will then direct the operator to either deliver a shock or determine if CPR is needed. The machines are equipped with long-life batteries and need little maintenance.

The statistics about the life-saving potential of AED are startling. The American Heart Association estimates that about 350,000 people die of cardiac arrest annually, and the City of Sunnyvale records 80 to 100 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests each year. With each minute that passes after cardiac arrest, there is a 10 percent reduction in the chance of survival. Health care experts say that most patients will survive if defibrillation is achieved in less than three minutes, which means quick action by people already on the scene rather than waiting for emergency personnel to arrive.

Defibrillators were installed on all Sunnyvale fire apparatus in 1994; AEDs were added to 12 City buildings in 1998 and to each of the City’s marked police vehicles in 1999. Since first placed in service, Sunnyvale has recorded 13 saves by the use of AEDs. Two of those saved, Terry Shepard and Pearl Ramos, were on hand with Officer Tim Macierz, who saved both of them, at a recent dedication ceremony at the Sunnyvale Town Center Mall. The Town Center recently placed five defibrillators in the mall, and the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety is encouraging other businesses to add AED’s to their emergency-preparedness/first aid tool kit.

“The cost of workplace defibrillators is very low and the devices are easy to use with basic training,” said Public Safety Officer Steve Drewniany, who coordinates the City’s AED program. “We recommend the use of AEDs as part of a comprehensive workplace safety and health program.”

“The AEDs are simple to use. Voice and text walk you through the steps, so you can’t make a mistake,” said Margie Francis, marketing director for the Sunnyvale Town Center. “I grew up in Sunnyvale and I couldn’t be happier that the Center is among the first to make AEDs available for public use. Some day they will be as common as fire extinguishers.”

Francis said that all of the Center’s security personnel have been trained on CPR, first aid, and AEDs, and an invitation has gone out to merchants to become more familiar with emergency response. There are five AEDs in the Center - two on the lower level, two on the upper level, and one on the mobile unit.

“They are out where the public can see them,” Francis said. “When you open the door to the box, an alarm and strobe light go off so that everyone is aware that there is an emergency situation and that 9-1-1 needs to be called.”

“Stand Clear!”

Installing defibrillators is the natural follow-up to the CPR training

recently conducted by the City of Sunnyvale for 50 employees at GO.Com (formerly InfoSeek) in Sunnyvale. “The City is providing a great service in offering us CPR courses and helping us decide if, where, and when to place defibrillators throughout the three buildings we have in Sunnyvale,” said Ed McIntosh, facilities manager for GO.Com. He hopes to get corporate approval to make the equipment available to the company’s 450 local employees in early 2000. Sunnyvale Public Safety staff will provide free training and a needs assessment to any company serious about implementing an AED program.

Drewniany said that any public concern about legal liability in helping a stranger with an AED should be eliminated since the state passed SB 911 which extends immunity to a layperson who “in good faith, renders emergency cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including defibrillation, at the scene of an emergency.” ✨

YET ANOTHER REASON TO STOP WHEN THE LIGHT IS RED

New red light runner detectors recently installed at 36 heavily-traveled intersections in Sunnyvale are helping Public Safety officers see “red” and catch up with the lawbreaker before the driver is lost in traffic.

The small indicator lights are wired into the back of traffic signals, allowing Public Safety officers to station themselves beyond an intersection, look back and know when the light has turned red. It is now much easier for them to identify and pursue vehicles that are dangerously crossing the inter-

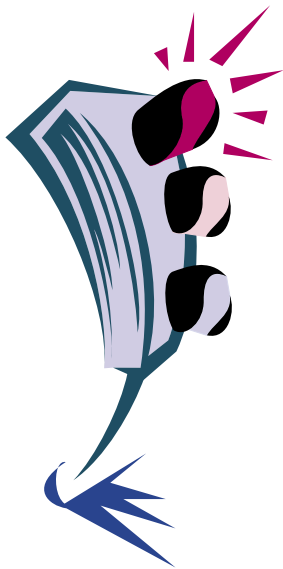
section when they should be out of the way of cross traffic.

“Running a red light is dangerous to everyone involved, so we are glad to do anything we can to facilitate the work of Public Safety officers in decreasing the number of red light runners,” stated Mark Blaszczyk, a Sunnyvale traffic engineer.

“This is an excellent tool to help us do our job and to do it safely,” said Dave Longanecker, a Public Safety Traffic Officer. “When running a red light is a primary collision factor, accidents are typically pretty significant. We need to discourage people from

breaking this law.”

The technology was funded by a state grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety; it includes research studies before and after the installation of detectors to measure their effectiveness citywide in decreasing red light runners, accidents, injuries and death. A test of four intersections in 1999 - where the installation of red light runner detectors was followed by a period of heavy enforcement - showed a notable reduction in the number of red light offenders, according to Longanecker. ✨



SERVING ON PLANNING COMMISSION BUILDS THE “FUTURE FACE” OF SUNNYVALE

What will Sunnyvale look like in 10 or 20 years? Decisions made today by the Planning Commission help to define “the future face” of Sunnyvale. Having that long-range impact is a motivating reason why Planning Commissioners say they have stepped forward to serve.

The role of the Planning Commission is to review land use and development proposals and make recommendations to the City Council. Its scope includes zoning, permits, ordinances and other procedures related to the development and implementation of the City’s General Plan and its various elements.

What Interested You About the Planning Commission?

“When my husband and I bought a house here we knew we were going to be part of this community for awhile and I had a vision for how I wanted to see the city be developed,” said Commissioner Michelle Hornberger. “When a project gets built, I can look at the building and know I had some say in how it was done. That feels like a real contribution to the future of the City.”

What Has Been the Most Challenging or Difficult Aspect of Serving on the Planning Commission?

“There is a tremendous learning curve when you serve on the Planning Commission,” said Otto Lee who joined the Commission about 18 months ago. “Staff does a great job on reports, but the amount of detail to understand can be challenging. At first you might think these are insignificant changes because the numbers are so small. Does it really make a difference if it’s three inches or six inches? But one way is code compliant and the other way isn’t. Our job is to make sure we keep to the standards.”

“We may have a difference of opinion as Planning Commissioners, but we vote objectively on what we think is the best decision. There is no personal animosity. It’s the democratic process working in an ideal way,” he said.

Has Anything Surprised You About Being a Planning Commissioner?

“Two things about serving on the Planning Commission I didn’t anticipate,” said John Howe, current chair of the Planning Commission. “One is the time commitment. I knew it was going to be demanding, but I didn’t realize it would involve four to 10 hours a week to study issues, do site visits, and talk with people. The second surprise was being recognized by strangers who have seen me during the televised Planning Commission meetings. They’ll come up and say hello because they know my face from TV.”

What Are the Most Satisfying Rewards of Being on the Planning Commission?

“We act as the voice for people who don’t necessarily know how to have a voice in the system,” said Lee Flanagan who has served on the Commission for

three years. “Our role is to reach out to folks and serve as a conduit for their needs and points of view. At the same time we are trying to find balance between the needs of residents, developers, businesses, and retailers.”

“I remember one instance when a man who had not been in the U.S. for very long wanted to make an addition to his garage for more storage space. I went to his home to see what he had in mind. He was so appreciative that someone would crawl around in his garage. It was a humbling experience.”

Chairman Howe said that much of his satisfaction comes from working with fellow Commissioners and City staff who display so much professionalism and dedication. “It’s a wonderful experience,” he said.

What is Your Favorite Memory From Your Term as a Planning Commissioner?

For Hornberger, a memorable moment from her two plus years on the Planning Commission was the public testimony by a 12-year-old boy about the addition of a new preschool in his neighborhood.

“It was great to see a young member of our citizenry have concerns about his neighborhood and be willing to step up to the microphone and speak,” she said. “It can be an intimidating experience in front of the people there and the TV cameras, but he had good points to make and was well-spoken.”

The seven-member Commission meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 8 p.m in the City Council Chambers. Each meeting is preceded by a one-hour study session at 7 p.m. Individuals are appointed to the Planning Commission by the City Council for four-year terms. ✨



Planning commission in action. Meetings are shown KSUN/Channel 18.

OPENINGS ON SEVERAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There are 11 boards and commissions that advise the City Council on a variety of community issues. Several have openings for residents who would like to become more involved in their City. The next recruitment begins in March.

Descriptions of each board and commission are on the City website — www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. Application forms may be downloaded from the web or requested by calling Volunteer Services at 730-7533. ✨

TRAINING OF CITY EMPLOYEES FOCUSES ON EXCELLENCE

The City of Sunnyvale is at the midway point of a three-year initiative focused on the strategic training and development of the City’s full and part time employees.

“Our goal is to keep City staff on the cutting edge of knowledge, technology, and processes so that we can sustain and increase our capacity to provide services to the community,” explained Andrea Ferrell, training manager. “We need to continuously learn and improve in order to meet future needs of our residents and businesses.”



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TRAINING PROGRAM

The Training Program Encompasses Four Areas:

- Developing world-class core competencies
- Improving the leadership abilities of employees, supervisors and managers
- Creating systems that support outstanding job performance

- Reinforcing the City’s values of service and excellence.

The Strategic Training and Development program includes a broad variety of workshops and courses. Some examples include: Customer Service Excellence, Performance Management, Decision Making and Problem Solving, Budget Management, and Managing Change and Transition. The emphasis in the third year of the program will be on measuring how these learning events have changed the way people do their jobs. ✨

MOZART DOWNTOWN PROJECT MOVES TO NEXT STAGE

Under a proposal by Mozart Development Co. now being finalized in a development agreement with the City, the 4.5 acres of City-owned land that has served as a nondescript parking lot off Evelyn Avenue and Mathilda will be transformed into a distinctive downtown office building complex and public plaza.

The City Council will consider the agreement in public hearings that are to be scheduled in February. Mozart hopes to break ground on the first building in 2000 and complete construction in 2001. The other two buildings will follow in 2001 and 2002.

A cornerstone of Sunnyvale's downtown redevelopment, the project as proposed by Mozart will include three deluxe office buildings including about 10,000 square feet of street-level retail space, and an underground parking garage. The garage will contain space for 1,350 tenant vehicles, with an additional 220 stalls



Conceptual design for new downtown office buildings.

set aside for public use. Mozart also is planning to add 100 public on-street parking spaces.

"People will be able to drive right

up to the door of the nearby retailers," said James Freitas, vice president of Mozart. "We will convert 360 spaces of the office tenant parking to public use every night after 6 p.m. and on weekends so that people coming downtown for dining, shopping, and events have additional convenient places to park."

As part of the agreement, Mozart proposes to participate with the City in the development of a two-acre plaza which may feature landscaping, fountains, and seating; it will serve as a venue for downtown open air events such as concerts or art shows.

"Instead of a sea of cars, this highly visible part of our downtown core will feature distinctive architecture, shops, and a gathering area where people can meet and mingle," said David Boesch, Community Development Director. "This project will bring more people into our downtown every day - adding to its vitality and diversity."

Two of the three buildings proposed will be five stories in height; the third building will contain six stories. Mozart already is getting calls from prospective tenants and Freitas anticipates that the businesses moving into this location will be corporate headquarters of knowledge companies, possibly some of the dot-com firms that are booming in Silicon Valley. Very little office space is currently available in downtown Sunnyvale although the demand is high.

"There are some interesting projects in industrial parks, but being in the heart of the downtown is an entirely different environment," said Freitas. "The train depot, Murphy Street, shopping and entertainment are all appealing to companies. Employees will come in the morning and not have to get into their cars to go out to lunch or run errands. It's all right there for them."

The award-winning architect — Ted Korth of Korth, Sunseri & Hagey - has done a great job in mixing the traditional architectural features expected of downtown buildings with contemporary styling elements, according to Freitas. "The skyline will be distinctive, but people walking along the street will not feel overwhelmed by a building. It will be inviting." ✨

THE VISION FOR DOWNTOWN SUNNYVALE

Based on input from the community survey earlier this year, the Downtown Resource Team has defined the vision for downtown Sunnyvale in this way:

Located in the midst of the cutting edge technology of Silicon Valley, downtown Sunnyvale fulfills the community's desire for connection on a human scale.

Downtown Sunnyvale is a place that people visit frequently - to shop, dine, walk, and visit with one another. It is also the center of special occasions where residents, workers and visitors share celebrations and create memories.

Downtown Sunnyvale represents the traditional values of a friendly, small town while offering a cosmopolitan variety of venues and experiences. It reflects both the rich history of the city and the global significance of the Valley's business community.

Downtown Sunnyvale is a place unlike any other. It is treasured by Sunnyvale residents and workers as the heart and spirit of their city's unique quality of life.

The Downtown Resource Team is a group of residents and business owners who have been working on downtown issues for the past year and a half.



GIVING FORM TO DOWNTOWN PLAZA

A fountain here, public artwork there. Benches, a flagpole, unusual lighting, flowers, signs - there are many elements to consider when creating a public plaza that will serve as the symbol of the heart and soul of a City.

The public is invited to share their best ideas for the new downtown public plaza at an all-day work session tentatively set for Saturday, April 8, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Community Center.

R.S.V.P.s will be required and interested residents should watch the City website for date confirmation. Residents may register by calling 730-7702 or sending an email to downtowninfo@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

During the all day session, known as an architectural "charrette," teams of community members will tackle

design issues related to the public plaza, which will be located near the new Mozart development and the train depot at the corner of Evelyn and Frances. No architectural or design experience is necessary to participate; the goal of the experience is to obtain and incorporate fresh, new ideas from the community's point of view.

Design teams will be aided by architects from the Santa Clara County chapter of the American Institute of Architects. There are plans to have one group composed of middle school and high school students.

"We want to have as many people as possible involved in this process," said Dyane Matas of the Community Development Department. "We know this is a big commitment of time, but it is really an investment in the future of our downtown and it will be fun, too." ✨

QUIETER LEAF BLOWERS REQUIRED

Leaf blowers used anywhere in the City of Sunnyvale cannot exceed 65 decibels (as measured 50 feet away) according to a municipal ordinance that went into effect January 1.

The new regulation, along with limiting the use of leaf blowers in residential neighborhoods to between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., are the key elements of the Sunnyvale's noise reduction



program. The policies were developed through a comprehensive study process that included public forums and research on various noise reduction strategies.

Also going into effect January 1 was a requirement that auto dealers replace loudspeaker systems on car lots with quieter alternatives that would be less disruptive to nearby neighborhoods. ✨

VOLUNTEERING ON THE “JUST DO IT” LIST OF MANY

In pressure-filled Silicon Valley where status is often equated with how many hours you can rack up each week, a surprising number of people make community volunteer time one of their “must do” activities. Most report that the benefits they receive as a volunteer - new knowledge and



Volunteer Explorers at an Academy exercise.



Volunteers plant trees at Las Palmas Park.

skills, personal growth, an expanded network of friends, and the feeling of “giving back” to a community they love—make volunteering a high priority in their lives.

“Usually there is a basic desire to connect with other people in an activity that provides value and has meaning to the individual and the community,” said Sophie Horiuchi, Sunnyvale Volunteer Services Manager. “For our volunteers who work side-by-side with City staff and the public, there is also a very strong interest in getting a better sense of what the City does and how we work for the community.”

Now in its 17th year, the City’s Volunteer Services Program currently involves more than 1,300 people in some type of volunteer service to the City of Sunnyvale. Volunteers range in age from teenagers through Sunnyvale’s most senior citizens. Volunteer commitments also come in all shapes and sizes - two hours a week, hundreds of hours each year, or even special one-time-only projects such as helping with an annual event like “Hands on the Arts.”

Exploring a Career

Frank Park, a junior at Homestead High School, has served as an

Explorer volunteer with the Public Safety Department since he was in eighth grade because he wanted to see what it would be like to have a career in law enforcement.

“This is an opportunity that most people don’t have in their lives,” he said. “You get first-hand experience by actually doing it.”

The “it” covers a broad range of community services, such as traffic control, event security, finger printing, and crime investigation. Explorers attend special training sessions at the police and fire academies and even go to the firing range to learn about guns.

Spreading Enjoyment

Jackie Harrison is a resident who volunteers on a regular basis because she wants to help others enjoy the Library which has meant so much in her life.

“I have benefited all my life from Libraries and from librarians who have inspired me and introduced me to new worlds,” said Harrison, who also serves on the Board of Library Trustees. “As a volunteer, I want to keep supporting the Library and what it means to our community so others may have the opportunities and benefits that I have had.”

“This is give-back time for me,” said Harrison. “Volunteers, whether for the Library or any number of other community activities, can help leave the world a better place for us all.”

Doing Something of Value

Nora Go, a senior at Homestead High School and president of the Teen Advisory Council, comes from a legacy of volunteerism. Her older brother and sisters were active Sunnyvale volunteers while they were teenagers.

“When I started as a summer camp volunteer after seventh grade, I mostly just wanted something to do with my time,” she said. “But as I grew up I wanted more experience in working with people, taking on responsibility, and meeting people. Now I do it for myself because it feels like I’m doing something valuable and it’s lots of fun.”

Groups Come Together

Scott Morton in the City’s Parks & Recreation Department works with

individuals and small groups of residents (such as church groups, Eagle Scouts, neighborhood associations, etc.) who want to become involved and improve the open space in their community.

“We are fortunate in Sunnyvale in that the City already provides a high level of service, but we encourage people to partner with us in making better the resources we already have pride in,” he said.

He described one volunteer day in Washington Park when a small group of residents trimmed trees, planted bulbs and sanded down the memorial cannon so it could be repainted.

“I looked at the kids swarming over the cannon and thought how they would walk by it later and think about what the memorial means and how they had a hand in making it look better,” Morton said. “Volunteering helps people feel that the community belongs to them.”

According to Horiuchi, volunteering can be an extremely powerful experience for both the volunteer and those who receive the benefit of the service.

“I have seen how volunteering for the City has transformed the way people look at their government, and the challenges and rewards of public service. It really is about how we practice democracy in this country. It also can reveal what people are capable of doing, for others, for themselves, and for the future of their community,” she said. “I think this is one of the strongest reasons why people keep volunteering. They want to understand, they want to feel connected with others, and they enjoy feeling that sense of empowerment to make things better.”

“Folks can volunteer in many different ways, in addition to the City’s program” said Horiuchi. “They can help their neighbors with yard work, check in on homebound neighbors, organize a food drive, collect blankets for the Humane Society, start a sock and glove drive — there are so many different needs. A caring heart, a mindset of hope and imagination, and the spirit to make something happen are all that is required.”★

E-PERMITS

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printed out on the applicant’s printer. The entire process zooms through in less than 15 minutes, compared to the 90 minutes it takes the average person to drive to City Hall, fill out permit paperwork, and receive approval at the counter.

“We needed some electrical work done in our garage and having read about the option to request the permit through the e-Permit system my husband, Al, and I decided to give the e-permit system a try,” said Sunnyvale resident Carol Domke. “The process was very straight forward and easy to use. In addition to submitting the permit request electronically, we were able to charge it to a credit card, and electronically

received confirmation of the request.

“The fact that we could handle this transaction directly from our home was great,” she added. “With our busy schedules, it even allowed us to submit the request late in the evening (actually 10 p.m.) on a Thursday night! We’ll certainly use this process again if the need arises.”

Vandiver said a focus group was held in October with the City of Mountain View at which the e-permits system was previewed by a group of 25 people who represented the full range of permit customers - home owners interested in simple do-it-yourself projects to professional electricians, plumbers, and general building contractors.

“They loved it and would like to be able to use it for every type of permit,” Vandiver said. “Their reaction confirmed that this is a new service that will be very popular, as well as efficient.”

The e-permit project grew out of Joint Venture: Silicon Valley’s Smart Permit program, which encourages the use of technology to speed up the permit process. A public-private sector partnership involving Sunnyvale, Mountain View, Microsoft, and Carta Inc. worked cooperatively to develop this program to make building permits available via the Internet.

Sunnyvale’s e-permit web site is located at www.e-permits.net/sunnyvale. ★

JANUARY CAMPAIGN URGES CONSUMERS TO REDUCE PACKAGING

State law requires cities to reduce landfill by 50% by the year 2000 or face fines up to \$10,000 per day. The City of Sunnyvale met its waste

reduction goal for 2000 four years ahead of schedule. But more can be done. One of the easiest ways to generate less waste—choosing items with less packaging or reusable products—also saves money. It is estimated that a typical household could save as much as \$3,000 per year by avoiding disposables and individual serving sizes.

Here are a few ideas from the January “Save Money and the Environment Too” campaign on how to make better choices while grocery shopping:

- Buy large sizes of canned or dried fruit and divide into individual servings for lunch, or serve fresh fruit. Little fruit cups or small boxes of raisins cost almost twice as much as the same fruit contained in larger cans or bags. The extra money is paying for packaging, which is an unnecessary cost and fills up

garbage cans and landfills.

- Other food products that are almost twice as expensive in individual servings include fruit juices, cookies, and chips.
- Breakfast cereals are another food item that is much more expensive in individual servings. Oatmeal, for example, is three times more costly when purchased as a box of individual packets versus a large box.
- What about individual packets of sugar at the coffee station at work? Reusable coffee mugs, spoons rather than stirring sticks, and a sugar bowl can save hundreds of dollars and eliminate a lot of trash.

For more information on waste prevention and reuse, call 1-800-CLEAN-UP. ✱

Sometimes, looks can be deceiving.



CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE AROUND THE CORNER

It's that time of the year again! Time to sell your reusable items or shop for treasures at the award-winning City-Wide Garage Sale on **April 15 and 16**.

Join hundreds of other Sunnyvale residents in turning “trash” into cash and keeping unwanted items out of the landfill. The City provides publicity to registered sellers, and all registered residents hold a garage sale on the same weekend. This service is provided at no charge, and it's fun!

Interested in holding a garage sale? Be sure to register by 5:00 p.m. on March 31 so your sale will be featured in the San Jose Mercury News advertisement sponsored by the City. Obtain a registration packet by contacting the Sunnyvale Recycling Program at 408-730-7262 or e-mail recycling@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. ✱



HOW DO YOU COUNT TO 275 MILLION?

One Person at a Time

Census 2000, the effort to accurately count how many people are living in each community in the U.S., gets underway in the next few weeks. With an anticipated population of 275 million, the count of each individual is a huge undertaking.

The official census, which happens only every 10 years, is used to apportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and to set boundaries of congressional, state and local legislative districts. Population numbers published in the census are also the basis for funding of many local community programs such as senior services, schools, health care, job training, child care, and bilingual services.

For all of these reasons, it is critically important that every one completes the census questionnaire and returns it promptly. The Sunnyvale Census 2000 Community Outreach Committee has been actively developing strategic plans to make every Sunnyvale residents aware of the importance of accurate census count. Partnerships with the Census Bureau, businesses, schools, churches, associations and other organizations have been established in an effort to achieve the goal of

100% accurate census count.

Information gathered in the census is **strictly confidential** and will not be shared by the Census Bureau with any other local, state, or federal agency including police, housing authority, INS, IRS or anyone!

The census questionnaire will be mailed to all households in mid March and should be returned by **April 1, 2000**. Census workers will deliver questionnaires to places like nursing homes, homeless shelters, military facilities, and migrant camps. Anyone who does not receive a form by mail or personal delivery is encouraged to pick up a form.

The Census Bureau has opened an office in Sunnyvale located at 1199 East Arques Avenue. They can be reached by calling (408) 524-8062. Toll-free telephone assistance will be available at (888) 325-7733. Language assistance in Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, and Tagalog will be available.

For more information on Census 2000, visit the Census Bureau website at www.census.gov or contact Alice Gamboa in the City of Sunnyvale at 730-7440 or e-mail her at agamboa@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. ✱

2000 ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS SHARE YOUR IDEAS FOR EARTH DAY 2000

The millennium is a perfect time to reflect upon the quality of our environment for today and for the future. A healthy environment improves our quality of life. Enter the City of Sunnyvale's Environmental Achievement Awards essay contest and share your success stories in protecting the environment.

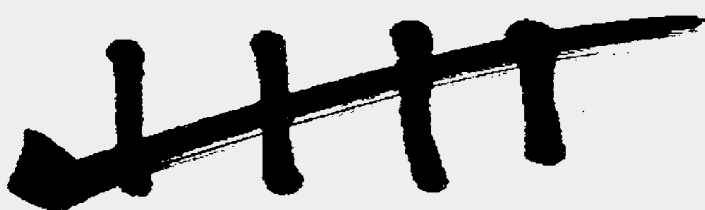


Do you bike or take public transit to work? Have you installed an ultra-low flush toilet and practiced water-conserving gardening? If so, we want to reward you! Awards will be given to Sunnyvale residents and businesses for a variety of achievements including transportation and energy use, open space preservation and restoration, water use and water quality, resource conservation and waste reduction, and hazardous materials.

Call the City at 408-730-7262 or email recycling@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us for information. Applications are due by **March 17**. Contest winners will

be honored at the Sunnyvale City Council meeting on April 25 to celebrate Earth Day 2000 in a special way. ✱

CENSUS 2000



COLUMBIA NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Model for the Millennium?

Is the award-winning Columbia Neighborhood Center in North Sunnyvale a model that should be replicated in other areas of the City? That question is the focus of a comprehensive study, now under way, that will be presented to the City Council in the summer of 2000.

"We will be examining how well the Columbia Neighborhood Center has met its goals, and which parts of our programs have been most and least effective," said Rocio Abundis-Rodriguez, Administrative Services Manager of CNC. "Then we also will assess the needs in other parts of Sunnyvale and investigate what other agencies or nonprofit organizations could play a role in fulfilling these needs."

A similar process of community outreach and needs assessment in the mid 1990s resulted in the partnership between the City of Sunnyvale and the Sunnyvale Elementary School District that created the Columbia Neighborhood Center. A Task Force composed of representatives from the City, the school district, and local industry gathered to review an extensive amount of information about the population living in the geographic area bounded by Highway 237,

Mathilda Avenue, Lawrence Expressway, and Evelyn Avenue. A public survey and focus groups helped to uncover the community service needs and desires of residents in this neighborhood - such things as more recreation and sports activities for youth, bilingual social/community services, health care (especially for those without medical insurance), and a concern about public safety.

In 1996, the Columbia Neighborhood Center opened at the Morse Avenue campus of Columbia Middle School. One component of the CNC is the AMD Sports and Service Center — a building that is part gymnasium/part service center. Construction costs were shared by the City and the Sunnyvale Elementary School District. Advanced Micro Devices contributed \$1 million towards the project.

The goals of the Columbia Neighborhood Center were ambitious:

- Enhance the quality of life and physical health of youth and adult residents in north Sunnyvale;
- Reduce unsupervised time of youth;
- Improve and maintain educational performance of middle school and at-risk youth;

- Reduce the crime rate in the neighborhood; and
- Reduce dependence on more expensive public assistance and publicly-supported health care and social service programs.

A few statistics from the performance summaries for the past three years show that the Columbia Neighborhood Center is doing a good job. For example:

- The crime rate for the Columbia neighborhood (for malicious mischief, aggravated assault, simple assault, burglary, theft, and auto theft) is more than 9% below the City-wide rate for these same crimes.
- Absences by middle school students have been reduced by more than 10%.
- The Center provides more than 40,000 participant hours of leisure services each year.

Abundis-Rodriguez said that the Columbia Neighborhood Center replication study will be coordinated with a youth services study to look for overlaps of needs and potential for sharing resources, alliances, and partnerships in developing new programs. ✨



HEALTH CARE SERVICES EXPAND AT COLUMBIA NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Health care services are expanding to 28 hours per week at the Columbia Neighborhood Center as a result of a new investment of health care expertise and a \$100,000 budget by the Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System.

The health center, a key component of the Neighborhood Center concept, offers a variety of medical services to the young residents of north Sunnyvale as well as students of Columbia Middle School. Health care practitioners now come to Columbia from the County Fair Oaks Clinic for four hours a day, five days a week.

"We are here and open all year-round to serve the health care needs of this community," said Rocio Abundis-Rodriguez, Administrative Services Manager of CNC. "The support of the County, in partnership with the City and the Sunnyvale Elementary School District, means that we will be able to significantly increase the number of people we serve."

Health services at Columbia Neighborhood Center include:

- Medical care treatment of illnesses and injuries
- Routine physical exams
- Immunizations including tuberculosis testing

- Preventive screenings such as vision, hearing, scoliosis, dental, and nutrition
- Well child exams and pediatric physicals required for school, sports, etc.

The program serves low-income, uninsured, and Medi-Cal families. Health care professionals also are available at the Center to assist residents in understanding the eligibility requirements and applying for Medi-Cal and Healthy Families Programs.



"We recently had a child with asthma come in whose parents do not have insurance. She was really having difficulty with her asthma symptoms because of the change in seasons," said Joanne Vallee, the nurse for the Sunnyvale Elementary School District who also serves as the clinic liaison. "She was able to get the inhalers she needed because of this program."

Vallee said that the neighborhood around Columbia has many families with small children who have difficulty getting transportation to other health care clinics. "We have a large segment who have limited access to medical resources. The children are well served by having a school-linked health care program available to them. Healthy kids learn better."

Early this year, the Center hopes to launch an adolescent health care clinic offering eight hours of early evening service per week.

"The success of our program is rooted in the collaborative nature of its operation and services," said Abundis-Rodriguez. "By pooling our resources we are able to offer affordable, accessible, and culturally-appropriate health care services to a community that urgently needs them."

More information on the Health Center and appointment schedules may be obtained by calling 523-8150 ext. 13. ✨

COUNCIL WANTS TO INVESTIGATE SIDEWALKS IN INDUSTRIAL AREAS

Although Sunnyvale’s zoning code was changed in 1990 to require installing sidewalks in industrial areas in conjunction with changes in land use, large portions of the city’s industrial areas still do not have sidewalks.

Sidewalks are needed, according to Trudi Ryan, Planning Officer for the City, in order to promote alternatives to automobile transportation, to facilitate comfortable walking within industrial neighborhoods, and to link industrial areas with surrounding neighborhoods.

“Sidewalks were not required in industrial areas until 1971 and the zoning code change in 1990 was an attempt to increase contiguous sidewalks in these areas,” explained Ryan. “But in the early 1990s the economy was slow and there was less new construction. Now there is a significant increase in the number of new office and R&D buildings and more opportunity for sidewalks to be added, However, without changes to current code requirements, completing installation of sidewalks in industrial areas - if it continued at its current pace - would take more than 100 years”.

“There are several light rail and bus stops in industrial areas where there are no sidewalks to access these transit stops,” she said. “That means that people have to walk in the street and that is neither safe nor appealing.”

The City Council has asked staff to prepare possible zoning code changes that would change the “trigger points” when a permit applicant would be required to install sidewalks in order to have a building project approved. These proposed changes will be considered at public hearings in the next few months.

In December, the City Council voted to include a comprehensive industrial-area sidewalk installation program as a part of an on-going study of major transportation infrastructure. A study session on the transportation infrastructure issue will be held in the next few weeks, and will include consideration of a variety of funding options such as the formation of an improvement district. It is estimated that \$5.7 million would be needed to provide 144,481 linear feet of sidewalks in Sunnyvale’s entire industrial area. Some grant money is expected to be available from county, state and federal sources.

For more information on the code changes under consideration, refer to the City website at www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. ✨

CITY COUNCIL SELECTS NEW MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR

Following the Sunnyvale municipal election last November 2, the Sunnyvale City Council selected Pat Vorreiter to be Mayor of Sunnyvale for the coming year, and named Jack Walker as Vice Mayor.

Vorreiter and Walker were both reelected in November to second four-year terms as councilmembers. Vorreiter served as Vice Mayor last year. Councilmember Manuel Valerio completed his year of service as Mayor in November, after being reelected to a second term.

The Sunnyvale City Council selects councilmembers to serve one-year terms as Mayor and Vice Mayor, following a rotation policy based on seniority of service on the City Council.

Newly-elected Councilmember Tim Risch took his seat on the Sunnyvale City Council at the same November 23 meeting when the new mayor and vice mayor were selected. Risch was elected to the seat vacated by Stan Kawczynski, who was ineligible for reelection because of term limits. ✨



Congresswoman Anna Esboo swears in Councilmembers Walker, Vorreiter, Valerio and Risch.

CITY COUNCIL SETS PRIORITIES FOR POLICY STUDIES IN 2000

The Sunnyvale City Council conducted its annual priority-setting workshop on December 9. At the workshop, the Council sorted through a list of approximately 100 potential study topics that have been suggested by citizens, businesses, community organizations, City councilmembers, and staff over the course of the prior year.

The items ranked high will be analyzed by City staff over the course of the year to identify issues, alternatives, and their impacts on services, the community and costs. Among the new issues ranked high by the City Council at its recent workshop are:

Public Works

- Bernardo Avenue/Knickerbocker Drive Modern Roundabout
- Mary Avenue/Route 280 Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge

“This priority-setting process allows the City to focus its attention and resources on the key issues for the community,” said City Manager Robert LaSala. “It gives clear direction to staff about what the City Council wants done, it enables councilmembers to do a more effective job at making good policy decisions in an orderly fashion, and it tells the public when their important issues are due for debate by the City.”

At the workshop, which followed a public hearing on December 7, Council reviewed and considered all the items that had been brought up throughout the year. After Council dialogue, many items were dropped from consideration, others were deferred to next year, and the remaining issues were ranked in order of importance by the City Council. Following the workshop, City staff determines the amount of time that may be needed to study these priorities in order to prepare a specific schedule for their completion and review in the year 2000. Those ranked items that can’t be undertaken in 2000 are automatically put on the list for consideration at the next workshop.

The City Council will review and approve the proposed Study Calendar for 2000 at a **public hearing on January 25**. ✨

Office of the City Manager

- Consider Ways to Promote Non-City Sponsored Cultural Events

Community Development

- Transportation Demand Management for Moffett Park
- 35% Floor Area Ratio Alternatives

Library

- Explore Expanded Use of the Bookmobile

Parks and Recreation

- Consider Golf Course Reservation Policies to Provide Advantages to Sunnyvale Residents
- Consideration of Park Enforcement Issues

SUNNYVALE MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS

The following are the final results from last November’s municipal election:

| CITY COUNCIL SEAT 4 | Vote Count | Percentage |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| David K. Schumann | 3,985 | 33.9% |
| Jack Walker * | 7,773 | 66.1% |
| CITY COUNCIL SEAT 5 | Vote Count | Percentage |
| Manuel Valerio * | 9,740 | 100% |
| CITY COUNCIL SEAT 6 | Vote Count | Percentage |
| Pat Vorreiter * | 9,625 | 100% |
| CITY COUNCIL SEAT 7 | Vote Count | Percentage |
| Tim Risch | 8,998 | 74.3% |
| Frances Rowe | 3,110 | 25.7% |

* incumbent

VOTER REGISTRATION AND TURNOUT

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|-----------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|
| PRECINCT BALLOTS CAST | 10,097 | TOTAL TURNOUT | 23.7% |
| ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST | 2,764 | TOTAL REGISTRATION | 54,307 |
| TOTAL BALLOTS CAST | 12,861 | | |

STUDY WILL DISCOVER WHAT SUNNYVALE YOUTH NEED

A broad, comprehensive study to assess the need for youth services beyond what is currently available from the City, schools, and other community organizations will be conducted this spring in Sunnyvale.

This study is a result of the Council's priority-setting process that determines what issues are most important to the community. The City Council ranked this issue as a high priority at its December 1998 workshop and adopted a staff work-

plan for the study in November 1999.

With the help of a consultant experienced with this type of research, the City will gather information centered on three questions:

- What are the needs of youth from birth through high school, and what resources are needed to help parents and guardians?
- How well are the needs of Sunnyvale youth currently being met by programs already in place, including those sponsored by the

City and resources available from other service agencies and organizations?

- In what ways can the City of Sunnyvale better meet the needs of youth, especially through partnerships and affiliations with other service providers?

Public review and input on the preliminary findings of the study will be conducted by several boards and commissions during April and May before the final presentation to the City Council in June. ✨



VIDEOCONFERENCING SAVES MONEY, TIME

Videoconferencing is "the next best thing to actually being there," according to satisfied users - and it saves money and time in bringing together people who are geographically distant.

A high-resolution videoconferencing system is available for local residents and businesses at the Sunnyvale Center for Innovation, Invention and Ideas —ScII³, which is located at 465

W. Mathilda Ave., Suite 300. It is most frequently used for job interviews, business meetings, and training sessions.

"It is extremely convenient for my clients," said Howard Peters, a patent attorney who arranged to use ScII³'s videoconferencing facility for a patent examiner interview with a local inventor. "There is direct conversation back and forth, and we can all look at the same documents together. The video aspect allows us to show models and do demonstrations."

Without access to videoconferencing, Peters said the inventor would have had to fly to Washington D.C., which would have cost far more in travel expense and time than the \$300 fee paid to ScII³.

For more information on videoconferencing and other services at ScII³, including the availability of a high tech conference room and training facility, call Dona Connell at 737-4945. ✨

SHARING HOMES, APARTMENTS EXPANDS SUPPLY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Single parent families who would like to share homes or apartments with other single parents and their children are being matched through an innovative program financially supported by a City of Sunnyvale grant.

The Shared Housing Program, operated by Catholic Charities,

expands the inventory of affordable housing to lower income families who have a difficult time finding a place to live. The alternatives are few - sleeping in their cars, staying in local shelters, or "couch-hopping" in the homes of friends and relatives.

For more information on how to share a home or apartment, or to

apply for a sharing opportunity, contact Catholic Charities at 282-1144.

Catholic Charities shared housing program is one of the 17 local non-profit agencies that received funding through Sunnyvale's Outside Group Funding process in FY 1999/00. The shared housing program received \$16,000 and the City distributed a total of \$356,000. The primary

source of this funding is federal Community Development Block Grants. Applications for next year's funding were due in December and the Housing and Human Services Commission will hold public hearings on the requests January 26 and February 2. The City Council will approve the final funding in May. ✨



NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED FOR ANNUAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

Do you know someone who has made a major contribution to make Sunnyvale a better place to live or work?

A businessperson who leads by example with a commitment to public service to strengthen the community's economy? A volunteer or group of volunteers who exemplify the spirit of community service? A high school senior who represents the best in this year's graduating class?

Share the special attributes of your friend or colleague by nominating him or her for one of the City of

Sunnyvale's annual community recognition awards:

- Sunnyvale Distinguished Citizen of the Year
- Outstanding Community Volunteer
- Outstanding Businessperson of the Year
- Outstanding High School Senior of the Year

Nominations by citizens and community groups are strongly encouraged. **The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 17, 2000.**

The City of Sunnyvale takes pride in recognizing the accomplishments of citizens, businesses, and high school seniors. Award winners will be selected by a panel appointed by the mayor, and the awards will be presented at the annual Sunnyvale State of the City celebration. This year the event will be held on **Saturday, May 6**. Save the date!

For more information about the annual Sunnyvale recognition awards, or to obtain nomination forms, please call the Office of the City Manager at (408) 730-7535. ✨

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

PUBLIC MEETINGS — City Council, Boards and Commissions

The following are projected dates of City Council meetings, which are held each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., Board and Commission meetings, and selected issues on the City Council calendar. All dates and times shown are subject to change. For more complete information, or to confirm dates and times listed, contact the City Clerk's Office at 730-7483 or call SunDIAL at 774-0262 code 122. City Council meetings are broadcast on KSUN (TCI Cable TV channel 18) live Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., and rebroadcast 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and again 4:00 p.m. Saturday, Planning Commission meetings are broadcast live Mondays at 8:00 p.m. and rebroadcast Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. and again 11:00 a.m. Saturday.

| KEY | |
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| CC | = Council Chambers |
| WCR | = West Conference Room |
| CCB | = Community Center Boardroom |
| GCR | = Garden Conference Room |

JANUARY, 2000

- 17 **Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday**
City Hall Closed
- 18 **City Council, Canceled**
- 19 **Arts Commission**, 7 p.m., WCR
- 20 **Bicycle Advisory Committee**, 6:30 p.m., WCR
City Council, 7:30 p.m., CC
- 24 **Planning Commission**,
Study Session, 7-8 p.m., WCR
Public Hearing, 8 p.m., CC
- 25 **City Council**, 7:30 p.m., CC
- 26 **Housing and Human Services Commission**,
7 p.m., WCR
- 26 **Private Industry Council**, 12 noon at Acurex,
555 Clyde Ave., Mountain View
- 26 **Parks & Recreation Commission**, 7 p.m., CC
- 28 **Personnel Board**, 5 p.m., CC

FEBRUARY, 2000

- 1 **City Council**, 7:30 p.m., CC
- 2 **Heritage Preservation Commission**,
7 p.m., WCR
- 7 **Advisory Council to the Council on Aging**,
1:00 p.m., 2175 The Alameda, San Jose
- 7 **Library Board**, 7:30 p.m., CC
- 8 **City Council**, 7:30 p.m., CC
- 9 **Parks & Recreation Commission**, 7 p.m., CC
- 14 **Planning Commission**,
Study Session, 7-8 p.m., WCR
Public Hearing, 8 p.m., CC
- 15 **City Council**, 7:30 p.m., CC
- 16 **Arts Commission**, 7 p.m., WCR
- 17 **Bicycle Advisory Committee**, 6:30 p.m., WCR
- 21 **Holiday – Presidents Day – City Hall Closed**
- 22 **City Council, Canceled**
- 23 **Housing and Human Services Commission**,
7 p.m., WCR

- 23 **Parks & Recreation Commission**, 7 p.m., CC
- 23 **Private Industry Council**, 12 noon at Acurex,
555 Clyde Ave., Mountain View
- 28 **Personnel Board**, 5 p.m., CC
- 28 **Planning Commission**,
Study Session, 7-8 p.m., WCR
Public Hearing, 8 p.m., CC
- 29 **City Council**, 7:30 p.m., CC

MARCH, 2000

- 1 **Heritage Preservation Commission**,
7 p.m., WCR
- 6 **Advisory Council to the Council on Aging**,
1:00 p.m., 2175 The Alameda, San Jose
- 6 **Library Board**, 7:30 p.m., CC
- 7 **City Council**, 7:30 p.m., CC
- 8 **Parks & Recreation Commission**, 7 p.m., CC
- 13 **Planning Commission**,
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- 27 **Planning Commission**,
Study Session, 7-8 p.m., WCR
Public Hearing, 8 p.m., CC
- 28 **City Council**, 7:30 p.m., CC

APRIL, 2000

- 3 **Advisory Council to the Council on Aging**,
1:00 p.m., 2175 The Alameda, San Jose
- 3 **Library Board**, 7:30 p.m., CC
- 4 **City Council**, 7:30 p.m., CC
- 5 **Heritage Preservation Commission**,
7 p.m., WCR
- 10 **Planning Commission**,
Study Session, 7-8 p.m., WCR
Public Hearing, 8 p.m., CC
- 11 **City Council**, 7:30 p.m., CC
- 12 **Parks & Recreation Commission**, 7 p.m., CC
- 17 **Personnel Board**, 5 p.m., CC
- 18 **City Council, Canceled**
- 19 **Arts Commission**, 7 p.m., WCR
- 20 **Bicycle Advisory Committee**, 6:30 p.m., WCR
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Public Hearing, 8 p.m., CC
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555 Clyde Ave., Mountain View

LEISURE — Theater, Arts, Recreation

For more complete information, or to confirm dates and times, contact the organization listed.

JANUARY, 2000

- 4 - April 14
The Senior Center is offering *"Income Tax Assistance"*. Free services will be provided to those 60 years and older and have a low or moderate income. Appointments will be available on Tuesdays and Fridays only. *Call 730-7360 for more information.*
- 5-31
The California Theatre Center presents *"Pocahontas."* For more information call 245-2978.
- 12
Senior Center Swing & Sway Dance starting at 9:30 p.m. *Call 730-7360 for more information*
- 13
Wake Up Sunnyvale!, 7:30 a.m., Ramada Inn - Silicon Valley. *For more information or to RSVP call the Chamber of Commerce at 736-4971.*
- 21, 22
An Evening of Cultural Arts presents *"Patrick Ball & Celtic Harper, Storyteller"*. *For more information call 730-7343.*

- 22, 29
The California Theatre Center presents *"The Phantom Tollbooth."* *For more information call 245-2978.*
- 24 - March 27
The Senior Center is offering *"Feng Shui,"* A Path to Harmony and Décor. *Call 730-7360 for more information.*
- 24 - March 22
The Senior Center is offering **"Introduction to Personal Computers,"** a beginners course. *Call 730-7360 for more information.*
- 26
Senior Center Orientation, *Call 730-7360 for more information*
- 26
Senior Center Swing & Sway Dance starting at 9:30 p.m. *Call 730-7360 for more information.*
- 27
Chamber Mixer, 5:00-7:00 p.m., U.S. Health Works Medical. *For more information or reservations call the Chamber of Commerce at 736-4971.*

FEBRUARY, 2000

- 1-March3
The California Theatre Center presents *"Rapunzel and the Witch."* *For more information call 245-2978.*
- 1 - 22
The Senior Center is offering a *"Film Discussion Series"*. *Call 730-7360 for more information.*
- 1 - 22
The Senior Center is offering *"A Women's Circle,"* A Chance to be Heard. *Call 730-7360 for more information.*
- 9
Senior Center Swing & Sway Dance starting at 9:30 p.m. *For more Information call 730-7360.*
- 10
Wake Up Sunnyvale!, 7:30 a.m., Ramada Inn - Silicon Valley. *For more information or to RSVP call the Chamber of Commerce at 736-4971.*
- 11, 12
An Evening of Cultural Arts presents *"San Jose Taiko, Dance & Drums"*. *For more information call 730-7343.*
- 14
Senior Center Valentines Day Dance starting at 7:30 p.m. *For more information call 730-7360.*
- 18 - March 12
Sunnyvale Community Players presents *"Grease (Junior Theater)."* *For more information call 733-6611.*
- 23
Senior Center Swing & Sway Dance starting at 9:30 p.m. *For more information Call 730-7360.*
- 24
Chamber Mixer, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Strokes Golf Store. *For more information or reservations call the Chamber of Commerce at 736-4971.*
- 26
The Senior Center will be having the *"Afternoon Tea and Spring Fashion Show"* in Room 601 beginning at Noon. For more information *Call 730-7360.*

MARCH, 2000

- 3
Senior Center presents an Osteoporosis education seminar. *For more information call 730-7360.*
- 4-25
The California Theatre Center presents *"Most Valuable Player."* *For more information call 245-2978.*
- 8
Senior Center Swing & Sway Dance starting at 9:30 p.m. *For more information call 730-7360.*
- 9
Wake Up Sunnyvale!, 7:30 a.m., Ramada Inn - Silicon Valley. *For more information or to RSVP call the Chamber of Commerce at 736-4971.*
- 11, 27 - April 15
The California Theatre Center presents *"The Ugly Ducking."* *For more information call 245-2978.*
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The Senior Center will be having the *"Trip to San Francisco Flower & Garden Show with a stop at Pier 39."* *For more information Call 730-7360.*
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An Evening of Cultural Arts presents *"Corby Yates, Blues Guitar Music"*. *For more information call 730-7343.*
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Chamber Mixer, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Health Now Medical Center. *For more information or reservations call the Chamber of Commerce at 736-4971.*

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GEORGIA O'KEEFE
"THE POETRY OF THINGS"
February 29th

PALM SPRINGS
May 4th – 8th

YOSEMITE
May 30th – June 1st

For more information or to sign up, contact the Sunnyvale Senior Center
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